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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy (in English) of the International Search Report in connection with the International (PCT) Application corresponding to the above-identified application, and copies of the references cited in this International Search Report. Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the documents cited in the enclosed International Search Report.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly,

requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

While the enclosed Japanese Patent Document No. 11-21546 and No. 10-298538 are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts of these respective documents, corresponding English language documents therefor and reference to these documents (with indication of relevant passages thereof) in the enclosed International Search Report. In addition, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are further satisfied, in connection with Japanese Patent Document No. 11-21546, by the English translation thereof, attached thereto herewith.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of

this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135
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